

die, that I might have thee hanged:
thou hast
drawn my shoulder out of joint.

1 BEAD. The constables have delivered
her over
to me: and she shall have whipping-
cheer² enough.
I warrant her: There hath been a
man or two
lately killed about her.

DOL. Nut-hook, nut-hook³, you lie.
Come on;

edit. of 1600. stands thus: ** Enter *Sinckio*. and
three or four
Officers.* And the name of *Sine/do* is prefixed to
those speeches,
which in the later editions are given to the *Beadle*.
This is an
additional proof that *Sinckio* was the name of one of
the players.
See the note on *The Taming of the Shrew*, vol. v. p.
367, n. 7.

TYRWHITT*
— whipping-cheer — So, in Thomas Newton's
Herball to
the Bible, 8vo. 1587 : " — in wedlocke all pensive
sullenness
lotyrina cheer ought to be utterly excluded" &c.
Again, in an
ancient bl. 1. ballad, intitied, O, Yes, &c.:
" And if he chance to scape the rope,
" He shall have *whipping-chere*."

STEEVENS.

3 Nut-hook, &c. It has been already observed, in
The Merry
Wives of Windsor, that *nut-hook* seems to have
been in those
times a name of reproach for a *catchpoll*. JOHNSON.

A *nut-hook* was, I believe, a person who stole
linen, &c. out at
windows, by means of a poll with a hook at the end
of it. Greene,
in his *Arte of Conev-catching*, has given a very
particular account
of this kind of fraud ; so that *nut-hook* was
probably as common
a term of reproach as *roque* is at present. In an old
comedy in-
titied *Match me in London*, 1631. I find the
following passage:

" She's the king's *nut-hook*, that when any filbert
is ripe, pulls
down the bravest boughs to his hand."

Again, in *The Three Ladies of London*, 1584*^{te} To
go a fish-
ing with a *cranke* through a window, or to set lime-
twigs to catch
a pan, pot, or dish."

Again, in *Albumazar*, 1615:

"-----picking of locks and *hooking* cloaths out of
window."^{1*}

Again, in *The Jew of Malta*, by Marlowe, 1633 :

** I saw some bags of money, and in the night

^{te} I clamber'd up with my *hooks*."

Hence perhaps the phrase *By hook or by crook*,
which IKS as old
as the time of Tusser and Spenser. The first uses
it in his
Husbandry for the month of March, the second in

the third book
of his Fairv Oueen. In the first volume of
Holinshed's Chronicle, p. 188. the reader may find the cant titles
bestowed by the
vagabonds of that age on one another, among
which are *hooker*